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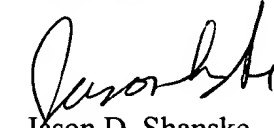
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RESPONSE

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REMARKS

The applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the application and requests reexamination and reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks. The applicant also appreciates and acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 2 and 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

The Examiner rejects claim 1 under 35 USC § 102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,056,743 to *Ellis*.